

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed October 5, 2005. Reconsideration of this application in view of the below remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 8 and 12 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claim 8 has been amended. No new subject matter has been introduced into the disclosure by way of the present amendment.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejection and allowing Claims 1-7 and 9-20.

I. Rejection of Claim 8 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,932,919 issued to Schwalke in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,953,246 issued to Takashima et al., further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,246 issued to Shau and in still further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,573,169 issued to Noble et al.

In response, Claim 8 has been amended to recite: "A semiconductor device including a DRAM having a gate electrode of a polymetal structure, according to claim 1." Consequently, Claim 8 depends from independent Claim 1 and thus includes all the limitations recited by that independent claim. Therefore, Claim 8 is believed to be patentably distinct and allowable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection with respect to Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Schwalke in view of Takashima et al., further in view of Shau and in still further view of Noble et al.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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